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COMMON SERVICE CENTRES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of targets fixed for setting up of Common Service Centres (CSCs) across the country by the end of the year 2007, State-wise;

(b) the number of CSCs set up till June 30, 2007, State-wise; and

(c) the reasons, if any, for not achieving the target during 2007-08, till date?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a): The Common Service Centre Scheme was approved by the Government in September 2006. The Scheme is being implemented in a Public Private Partnership. Targets for number of CSCs to be established in each state have been fixed by the Central Government as per details at Annexure-I. At the State level, time bound targets for implementation are assigned to the private sector implementation partner - termed the Service Centre Agency (SCA) - once the SCA has been selected by the State Government and the contract with the SCA signed. Till date SCAs have been appointed in three States and their implementation timelines is at Annexure-II.

(b) and (c): The number of CSCs set up as per the implementation timelines for the three States, as well as the reasons for shortfalls if any are inducated at Annxure-I.